

Tribal Behavioral Health Crisis Response

Panelist Biographies

Councilwoman Rosalee Revey-Jacobs, Lummi Tribe

Rosalee Revey-Jacobs is a Council Member for Lummi Nation. She is a lifelong resident of Whatcom County and shares 4 grown children and 3 grandchildren with her husband of 30 years. Her passion is advocating for children in the ICW system, MMIW(P) as well supporting positive change in mental health/behavioral health for her people. Rosa is committed to supporting the Lummi community overcome the significant harms and loss due to the fentanyl crisis that is ravaging the Nation and do all she can so as to help bring the community to a better place. Part of her work in this regard has included oversight of the Lummi Foundational Public Health Services initiative and the Lummi Drugs Task Force, developing policies and projects to support health, safety and prevention in the homeland. In addition, as one of the Lummi government Health Representatives, she advocates at the federal and State legislature levels in support of policies and legislation that strengthens Lummi families, promotes health equity, community health, healing and social justice. Her personal interests are crafting, floral designing, and spending time with her loved ones.

Emily Arneson, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe

Emily Arneson currently works for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe as the Suicide Prevention Coordinator within the Community Health Center which provides integrated care through medical, behavioral health, and dental services. She has a bachelor's degree in human services from the University of Minnesota and a background in working with youth. Additionally, she uses her own lived experience as a certified peer counselor to inform her work. Her role consists of community engagement, external partnership collaboration, and behavioral health crisis coordination planning.

Kelly Waibel, Tulalip Tribe Behavioral Health

Kelly Waibel is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with a MS in Clinical Psychology, dual specialization in Clinical Counseling and Forensic Psychology from Capella University. She has worked in crisis services for almost four years now, including being imbedded with law enforcement, mobile crisis services and her current role.

Kelly is currently working as the Crisis Department Manager/Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) for Tulalip Tribes. She is working on building a full crisis team, starting with two teams consisting of a Certified Peer Counselor and a Therapist. She works with any person on the reservation, or any Tulalip Tribal Members within Snohomish County, and coordinates closely with other departments including Police, Tribal Court, Behavioral health, Community Health, Tulalip Health Clinic and many more.

Vicki Lowe, American Indian Health Commission for Washington State (AIHC)

Vicki Lowe, Executive Director of the American Indian Health Commission for Washington State (AIHC) since July 2015, is a Jamestown S'Klallam descendant. She has also worked in the Health Department of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe since December of 1996. Through their Purchased and Referred Care (PRC) Program, the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe purchased insurance for their Tribal Members without

access to any other coverage since 1995. Ms. Lowe has seen this program through many changes in the private insurance world as well as Medicare and Medicaid. She participated on the Basic Health Sponsorship Workgroup, negotiated a Tribal Member only plan with a commercial carrier, initiated contracting with commercial carriers at the Jamestown Family Health Clinic, participated in the creation and implementation of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Employee Plan, a self-funded plan, worked with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's newly created Human Resources Department to review and update benefits for the employee's plans - benefits including Life, AD&D and LTD, Long Term Care Coverage, Self-Funded Worker's Compensation and Wellness benefits. She also worked on implementation of the Indian provisions of the Affordable Care Act into the Employee Benefits and PRC programs.

Beginning in 2012 she began working with the AIHC and WAHBE to implement the Tribal Assister program for the Washington Health Benefits Exchange. This project has been expanded to include Medicare, Medicaid and I.H.S. benefits training.

Ms. Lowe is also very involved in the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Community. She has been part of the Jamestown Canoe Family since 2009, pulling in the Tribe's canoe since 2012. She supports singing and drumming, language, weaving classes and other culture programs. In 2012, she was honored as the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe's Volunteer of the Year. Most of all she enjoys spending time with her family, husband Jim, five children and four grandchildren.